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SUBJ: US PRESS AND PLO

1. KHALID AL-HASSAN OF PLO DEL WAS INVITED TO APPEAR TODAY ON WMCA'S BOB GRANT TALK SHOW, BUT ON ARRIVAL WAS HANDED COURT ORDER BARRING HIS ENTRANCE TO STUDIO BUILDING. REPORTEDLY, BASIS OF COURT ORDER, PROCURED BY BUILDING PROPRIETOR, WAS THAT AL-HASSAN'S PRESENCE CONSTITUTED THREAT TO SECURITY OF OTHER OCCUPANTS. GRANT SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK TO AIRWAVES TO INVEIGH AGAINST WHAT HE CALLED ABRIDGEMENT OF FREE SPEECH.

2. PLO PRESS SPOKESMAN, RANDAH KHALIDI, AT OPI PRESS BRIEFING INTERPRETED INCIDENT IN ANTI-AMERICAN TERMS. MRS. KHALIDI ALSO ALLEGED SHE HAD BEEN RUDELY TREATED BY NBC AND CBS. IN LATTER CASE, ERIC SEVAREID HAD ALLEGEDLY REFUSED TO SPEAK TO HER AFTER REFERRING TO PLO PREVIOUS EVENING AS NAZIS. WALTER CRONKHITE HAD AGREED THERE SHOULD BE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CBS AND PLO BUT WOULD NOT PRODUCE SEVAREID.

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3. MRS. KHALIDI CONCLUDED THESE THREE "INCIDENTS" WERE

SIGNIFICANT OF WAY PLO BEING "INTIMIDATED."
INCIDENTS CONSTITUTE "A CAMPAIGN, BUT I WOULD HESITATE TO
CALL IT A GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN. IT IS AN ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN
OBVIOUSLY RUN BY ZIONISTS."
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